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14. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 8 to 13] claim 8, wherein said appreciating step includes measuring the time duration of one milking operation of the actual teat.

Please add the following new claims:

15. A device according to claim 1, wherein said comparison valve includes the level of said parameter of at least one preceding milking operation of said animal.

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16. A device according to claim 15, wherein said parameter includes the quantity of milk produced during said milking operation and that the appreciating means includes a milk measuring device.

17. A device according to claim 16, wherein said parameter includes the time duration of said milking operation and that the appreciating means includes a time measuring device.

18. A method according to claim 9, wherein said first teat and said second teat form one of a rearward pair of teats of the udder and a forward pair of teats of the udder.

19. A method according to claim 18, wherein said comparison valve includes the level of said parameter of at least one preceding milking operation of said animal.

20. A method according to claim 19, wherein said appreciating step includes measuring the time duration of one milking operation of the actual teat.

### REMARKS

Applicant submits herewith a Preliminary Amendment for entry prior to computation of the fee and examination of the application on the merits. Applicant believes the amendment submitted herewith conform the application to U.S. practice and it is believed that the amendment to the claims places them in allowable form. Should the examiner have any questions which may

be resolved by telephone conference, it is requested that the examiner contact applicant's attorney at 1-800-445-3460. Should this amendment necessitate any additional fees it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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